

The flowers on Mary's Altar have been designated by Lloyd and Mary Ann Lindsey in loving memory of Marcia Ann Lindsey.

Mass Intentions

Sat.	5:30p.m.	John W. Murren
Sun.	7:30a.m.	The People of the Parish
	10:00a.m.	Mark "Jim" Kuhn
Mon.	8:00a.m.	James M. Groft
Tues. July 4th 9:00a.m.		USA
Wed.	8:00a.m.	Vonnie Wilhide
Thurs.	8:00a.m.	Eugene G. & Mary E. Groft
First Friday 7:00p.m.		Leona "Pony" McIntyre
Sat.	5:30p.m.	Charlie Klunk & deceased children Mike & Judy
Sun.	7:30a.m.	The People of the Parish
	10:00a.m.	Roy & Madeleine Staub & family



Offertory Procession

Sat. July 8 th	5:30p.m.	Mr. and Mrs. John Rife family
Sun. July 9 th	7:30a.m.	Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Fuhrman
	10:00a.m.	Ushers

The Parish Office will be closed from July 1st – July 5th.

Pray for our Parishioner Joanne Rogers who went home to be with the Lord last week. Pray for her family too dealing with their loss.

From the Pastor: June 29 is the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul. It is the great Roman Feast because it celebrates St. Peter, the first Pope and St. Paul who carried the faith to the Gentiles. It is celebrated with great Solemnity at St. Peter's Basilica and is also a civil holiday. It is also a special day here at Conewago because of our special relationship with the Holy Father as a Minor Basilica. Pope Francis' Homily from this Feast will be presented in the Bulletin for the next few weeks.

The liturgy today offers us three words essential for the life of an apostle: *confession*, *persecution* and *prayer*.

Confession. Peter makes his confession of faith in the Gospel, when the Lord's question turns from the general to the specific. At first, Jesus asks: "Who do men say that the Son of man is?" (*Mt* 16:13). The results of this "survey" show that Jesus is widely considered a prophet. Then the Master puts the decisive question to his disciples: "But *you*, who do *you* say that I am?" (v. 15). At this point, Peter alone replies: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God" (v. 16). To confess the faith means this: to acknowledge in Jesus the long-awaited Messiah, the living God, the Lord of our lives.

Today Jesus puts this crucial question to us, to each of us, and particularly to those of us who are pastors. It is the decisive question. It does not allow for a non-committal answer, because it brings into play our entire life. The question of life demands a

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response of life. For it counts little to know the articles of faith if we do not confess Jesus as the Lord of our lives. Today he looks straight at us and asks, "Who am I *for you*?" As if to say: "Am I still the Lord of your life, the longing of your heart, the reason for your hope, the source of your unflinching trust?" Along with Saint Peter, we too renew today our *life choice* to be Jesus' disciples and apostles. May we too pass from Jesus' first question to his second, so as to be "his own" not merely in words, but in our actions and our very lives.

Let us ask ourselves if we are *parlour Christians*, who love to chat about how things are going in the Church and the world, or *apostles on the go*, who confess Jesus with their lives because they hold him in their hearts. Those who confess Jesus know that they are not simply to offer opinions but to offer their very lives. They know that they are not to believe half-heartedly but to "be on fire" with love. They know that they cannot just "tread water" or take the easy way out, but have to risk putting out into the deep, daily renewing their self-offering. Those who confess their faith in Jesus do as Peter and Paul did: they follow him to the end – not just part of the way, but to the very end. They also follow the Lord along his way, not our own ways. His way is that of new life, of joy and resurrection; it is also the way that passes through the cross and persecution.

At this time we are in great need of people to take up the gifts at Communion. Couples, families, friends, coworkers, anyone can sign up. Contact Judie Fuhrman at 632-7525.

Attention Parishioners: We would like to have a Card Shower for Fr. McNeil's birthday July 6th! You can mail your greetings to: Father Lawrence J. McNeil 5055 Grandview Rd. Hanover, PA 17331. Let's shower him with our love through our cards!

Bishop Robert Barron's newest film series, "CATHOLICISM: The Pivotal Players" will be available to watch until Aug. 31st.

You can find the link on our Parish website at:

www.sacredheartbasilica.com/pivotal-players.

Our Parish Picnic is in 2 weeks-July 15th

To date we've had little interest in helping at the Picnic. Please realize, this the Parish's ONLY major fundraiser. Without your help we won't have a successful Picnic. Please consider spending some time helping. It doesn't have to be a full day even an hour helps someone take a break! The phone numbers below are of our co-chairpersons, they can tell you how you can help.

There is a sign-up sheet in the back of Church for volunteers to help at the Picnic for the Kids Games. Students here are some service hours!

At this time we are looking for someone to run the Rainbow Wheel for the Picnic. For more information on how to help at the Picnic contact Marsha Gebhart at 717-637-7833 or Sue Riser at 717- 632-7630.

There will be 2 upcoming "work parties" to spruce up the Picnic Woods for our upcoming Picnic. Sat. July 8th from 8:00a.m. – 12:00p.m. and Tues. July 11th from 6:00 – 9:00p.m. We are accepting donations for our Country Store. Non-perishable food items, juice, 2-liter bottles of soda, small garden tools, small household plants, be creative. All donations may be dropped off at the Parish Office, 717-637-2721 or the day of the Picnic at the booth.

Bakers, get your aprons out, all baked goods may be dropped off at the Parish Hall Fri. July 14th from 9:00a.m. – 1:00p.m. or at the Woods Picnic day. **No** refrigerated items please.

The Children's Rosary Group will gather at the Adoration Chapel in McSherrystown Sun. July 16th at 3:00p.m. rosaries and prayer books will be provided. Children ages 3 and older (adults too) are welcome to attend. For more information contact Vicky Buntz at 717-632-3245.

Direction for Our Times: come join our Parishioner Wendy McCall in Our Lady's Chapel on Sat. July 22nd at 10:00am to pray the rosary and read the monthly message from Jesus, as given to Anne, a lay Apostle. For more information, call Wendy at 717-969-2452. All are welcome. Check out the website:

www.directionforourtimes.org.



Mother Teresa has been credited with the following quotation:

"People are often unreasonable, irrational and self-centered.

Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives.

Be kind anyway.

If you are successful, you will win some unfaithful friends and some genuine enemies.

Succeed anyway.

If you are honest and sincere people may deceive you.

Be honest and sincere anyway.

What you spend years creating, others could destroy overnight.

Create anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness, some may be jealous.

Be happy anyway.

The good you do today, will often be forgotten.

Do good anyway.

Give the best you have, and it will never be enough.

Give your best anyway.

In the final analysis, it is between you and God."

St. Teresa of Calcutta, pray for us and our new School!